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**TRANSIENT SENTENCED FOR POSSESSION
OF A FIREARM BY A CONVICTED FELON**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that JOSEPH C. STOCKETT, 58, most recently of Terre Haute, was sentenced to 20 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge Larry J. McKinney following his conviction at trial on September 22, 2004, in Terre Haute, for possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. This case was the result of an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives and the Terre Haute Police Department.

STOCKETT was convicted of the felony offense of second degree arson in Eugene, Oregon in 1976, and as a felon, is prohibited from possessing a firearm. However, on November 21, 2003, he took possession of a firearm and stated, "I am on my way to a major f - - ing confrontation with the Jews."

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The events leading to STOCKETT's arrest began in November of 2003 while he was in Terre Haute where he befriended a local resident who cooperated with law enforcement during the investigation of Stockett. During one of their conversations, STOCKETT stated that he was interested in obtaining a pistol and asked if the cooperating individual could obtain a pistol for him.

On November 20, 2003, STOCKETT offered to sell the cooperating individual his old car for \$450. The cooperating individual and STOCKETT discussed a trade, involving cash and a pistol, for the car.

The cooperating individual contacted the Terre Haute Police Department and told them of his conversations with STOCKETT. The cooperating individual agreed to meet with STOCKETT in an undercover capacity and attempt to purchase the car for a quantity of cash and a firearm.

On November 21, 2003, law enforcement officers provided the cooperating individual with cash and an unloaded Smith and Wesson handgun. The cooperating individual placed the handgun in his apartment and walked to STOCKETT's apartment where he met STOCKETT. During the meeting at STOCKETT's apartment, STOCKETT agreed to sell his car to the cooperating individual for \$375 and a pistol.

STOCKETT and the cooperating individual then went to the cooperating individual's apartment where the cooperating individual gave STOCKETT the pistol and \$375. After STOCKETT took possession of the pistol he said that he wanted to "be prepared for any

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extingencies [sic] ... [t]hat come along.” STOCKETT also stated, “I know that this struggle that I’ve embarked on for my race; to save my race from these motherf- - - ing Jews . . . might require that I do kill someone someday.” STOCKETT placed the pistol in a bag and concealed the bag in the waist band of his pants.

STOCKETT was arrested after he left the cooperating individual’s apartment. The firearm was found wrapped in a bag in STOCKETT’s pants.

According to Assistant United States Attorney Joe H. Vaughn, who prosecuted the case for the government, Judge McKinney also imposed three years supervised release following STOCKETT’s release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, STOCKETT will be subject to the supervision of the United States District Court and must serve a period of 90 days in a half-way house.

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